



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Richard Weiland: Regional Director, Region 8

Richard Weiland was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region 8 by President Clinton in July 1997. As Regional Director, he coordinates FEMA's prevention, preparedness, and disaster response and recovery activities in: Colorado, Montana, North and South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Weiland held an executive level position on the staff of Senator Tom A. Daschle, where he had risen from a variety of staff positions over the span of 15 years. His responsibilities included: developing economic development initiatives, community relations, intergovernmental affairs, constituent services, tribal relations and state outreach programs.

A native of South Dakota, Mr. Weiland holds a B.S. in Communications and Political Science from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. He has also completed work toward an M.S. in Public Administration, also at the University of South Dakota.

Mr. Weiland is a former board member of the Carroll Institute, a non-profit organization that administers drug and alcohol abuse prevention and dependency programs. Previously, he also served on the Rural Development Commission, a Presidential initiative to help rural states, was active in Rotary International and the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce.

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